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### Bus Drivers

LET us begin with a compliment to the bus drivers of the Colony. Their task must be the hardest there is among drivers of transport anywhere. The narrow streets cut out of sheer rock; the overcrowded lanes they have to negotiate; the jaywalkers who bring their rural economy to the city streets, all make for nerve racking hours at the wheel. In the main then, we agree that under the circumstances, our bus men do a fine job. Yet we feel all is not well. With every stroke, there is a grain of truth, and it is demonstrably true that "familiarity breeds contempt." Bus driving is like every other job. Doing the same thing, day in day out, sets up a kind of routine. We perform our tasks, almost unaware at times, of what we are doing.

But driving a bus along a crowded street is a task that begins anew every day. The bus driver dare not become familiar in the sense of what happened yesterday will happen today. He is not omniscient. The pattern of the road is ever changing. He should always alert.

OUR criticism is that familiarity with the bus has made too many of our local bus drivers overconfident. They negotiate our narrow streets at speeds which are at times positively dangerous. They rely upon their brakes, and their reflexes to get them out of tight spots.

But all they need is a greasy patch, a failure to anticipate a new hazard, and there is an accident. And where there is an accident, there is often tragedy. We feel more could be accomplished by educating our bus drivers, than by worrying them with tighter legislation.

The bus driver is a valuable public servant. We feel if the companies concerned with road transport could give a course not only on driving, but on citizenship and public duty, much could be accomplished. There is much to be said too for more rest periods and refreshment during the day. A combination of the two may make a difference.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS INVOLVED IN HORRIBLE TRAGEDY **98 KILLED IN STORE FIRE**

### Dead Include 83 Women And Eight Children

Bogota, Dec. 16. An official announcement said tonight that 98 persons had been killed in the fire of the Almacen Vida department store. The dead include 83 women, eight children and seven men, the announcement said.

The exact cause of the fire was not immediately determined although some persons who escaped from the store, jumping from a window to the roof of an adjoining building, said they had heard it had been caused by a short circuit or an explosion in the stove of the store's restaurant. It was not known whether it was a gas or a gasoline stove.

### West's First Operational ICBM 'A Success'

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Dec. 16. The U.S. today successfully launched a 10,000-mile-an-hour Thor missile—the West's first operational long range ballistic missile—in the tense debut of this new air base.

The Thor lifted in a tremendous roar as it climbed from the launching pad 3½ hours behind schedule.

The Strategic Air Command (SAC) announced that the launching—first of a ballistic missile from the West Coast—was "successfully conducted."

Maj.-Gen. Bernard A. Shriever, Commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, said in New York that the flight was the "payoff of three years of research, development and testing to achieve operational and test flight of the Thor."

UPI

### Brandt Returning

Paris, Dec. 16. Herr Willy Brandt, Mayor of West Berlin, left here by air today to return to his crisis city. —Reuter.

### 'BLACK & WHITE' SCOTCH WHISKY "BUCHANAN'S"



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### MAO TO RESIGN IN MARCH

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Mao Tse-tung will resign as Chairman of the Chinese Government in March, a high diplomatic source told the United Press International today in a telephone call from Peking.

But Mao who is 85 years old will continue as leader of the Chinese Communist Party and thus will be the real power on the Chinese mainland.

The fire quickly spread to the section selling Christmas hangings, made of inflammable materials such as straw and paper.

Cautious authorities did not explain why the doors of the store were closed shortly after the fire started, locking hundreds of persons inside.

**Doors Closed**  
However, some of the survivors said at first no importance was given to the fire and that it had been put out so the doors had been closed by order of the store's manager to prevent looting.

The wife of the San Juan Del Rio Hospital, where most of the injured were carried, was tonight a horrible sight. Bodies were heaped and many injured moaned.

One doctor said the condition of 58 of the injured was so serious that most of them would probably not survive.

The store was located on the main Bogota thoroughfare, and although it was an old building it had been reconditioned recently.

The fire spread so rapidly and there was such chaos inside the store that only a few persons could give some account of how the tragedy happened. Many survivors were so stunned they could not speak. Others said they had only thought of saving themselves.

**Ground Floor**

A crowd of 10,000 persons made it difficult for firemen to fight the flames while a huge column of black smoke rose from the building.

Many of the victims were trapped on the ground floor. When the doors were closed they went to the rear of the store, fleeing from the flames, and there the firemen found them unconscious.

Those who succeeded in climbing to the first and second floors escaped to neighbouring roofs.

Most of the deaths were caused by asphyxia. A doctor who had examined 50 bodies said three had died from burns, and all the others from asphyxia or because they had been trampled.

Many bodies had the blue sprays used by the girls employed in the store. —UPI.

### Inquiry Into Missing Guns

Bury St. Edmunds, Dec. 16. An official military inquiry will be held here tomorrow into the disappearance during a voyage from Cyprus of 11 revolvers from the British troupe Empress Fawey, it was announced today. —China Mail Special.

Dec. 16. FEAR of being called "chicken" (coward) caused anti-freeze to flow like wine at a teenage party, killing one girl and putting three boys in hospital, police revealed today.

### Family Of Six Asphyxiated

Monticello, Ark., Dec. 16. A family of six was found today in their closed-up house, the victims of carbon monoxide asphyxiation which firemen blamed on an unvented gas heater.

The coroner said the family, Mr and Mrs James E. Steele Jr., their three sons, Ted (9), Timmy (7), and Mike (2), and daughter, Debby (4), were found about noon today by a neighbour who smelled gas fumes and called firemen.

The coroner said it was believed the family died as they prepared for bed late Saturday night. Friends said the family had been up about 11 pm, and that the Steeles had left the heater on because of the near-zero weather.

Steele (20) was found collapsed in the bathroom. His wife, Betty (29) had fallen in a bedroom. Two boys were huddled on a bed with their dog. Two other children were lying between two beds. —UPI.

### Russian Warning

London, Dec. 16. Russia today warned Turkey, a strategic bastion of the Western defences, that it could be headed for trouble if it signs a proposed U.S.-Turkish military agreement. —UPI.

### They Drank Anti-Freeze Like Wine: Girl Dies

West Newbury, Mass.,

Carol Curry (17), the hostess and daughter of a former town police chief, died last night. An autopsy today revealed the blonde high school girl succumbed to the effects of drinking automobile anti-freeze.

The three boys were reported out of danger, although it was feared for a time that one would go blind.

Carol's distraught father, Duell

Curry, said his daughter had invited about 10 friends to the house on Saturday night but about two dozen teenagers "crashed" the party and located a liquor bottle filled with the deadly anti-freeze in the cellar. Curry said the teenagers dared each other to drink. Those who did not ironically called the juvenile, scurvy label of "chicken," he said.

"It was no drunken brawl, nothing of the sort. But it turned into a crash affair," Curry said.

Curry himself does not drink. He said he kept the anti-freeze in the cellar, adding that brawling party crashers apparently bought liquor and found the bottle. They thought the green liquid was wine or Creme De Menthe. —UPI.

### Sore Throats In Hongkong Not Asian Flu

by ANDREW SLOAN  
*China Mail Reporter*

Asian flu is on the rampage in Asia again, but the sore dry throats so many are complaining of in Hongkong has nothing to do with it.

### LONDON HUNT FOR SLAYER OF THE 'GENTLE POLICEMAN'

London, Dec. 16. Hundreds of police and detectives searched East London today for the killer of 23-year-old policeman Raymond Summers stabbed to death on his beat on Sunday night while trying to break up a teenage fight.

Summers, six foot five inches tall and shortly to be married, was known as the "gentle policeman."

Police in an all-out hunt to find his murderer have already made thousands of inquiries and visited hundreds of houses, amusement centres, cafes and lodging houses in the area.

Two girls for whom Scotland Yard issued an appeal after they had been reported dressed in dance frocks kneeling beside the dying constable on the pavement went to police station last night to tell their story. Their names are being withheld. —China Mail Special.

### SUPER-SUPER H-BOMB

New York, Dec. 16. The weekly U.S. magazine Newsweek said today that engineers at the Germantown, Maryland, atomic centre had conceived, on paper, a super-super H-bomb with a power of 1,000 million tons of T.N.T. or 1,000 megatons.

The report said the information on the bomb came from directors of the Atomic Energy Commission, who indicated that the new bomb was called "Bawator."

The most powerful bomb ever tested thus far had a power of 15 megatons. —France-Press.

### Hustler Crashes

Tucumcari, New Mexico, Dec. 16.

A supersonic four-engined B-58—newest of the United States nuclear jet bombers—crashed near here today on a test flight.

The three members of the crew parachuted to safety. This is the first time that one of the huge delta-winged bombers—known as the "Hustler"—and which can travel at more than twice the speed of sound—has crashed. —Reuter.

### Body Of HK Man Found In Harbour

### Unlicensed HK Radio Station Used By 40 Firms

Operator Fined \$3,000 By Court

An unlicensed radio station, part of a big organisation broadcasting between Bangkok and Hongkong, was raided by a party of detectives yesterday morning in Wan-chai and a man was arrested.

The man, Leung Wal-hung, 37, of 400 Jaffe Road, third floor, pleaded guilty before Mr Hui-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning to operating a radio station without a licence and being in possession of radio communication apparatus.

He was fined \$3,000 with the alternative of eight months' imprisonment.

Apparatus seized by the police was ordered to be confiscated.

Leung was caught almost red-handed.

**He Fleed**

Detective Sub-Inspector A. Crooks said there was an iron-bar door between the third and fourth floor, but they got in after shooting the principal tenant the wrist.

Leung overheard the noise and immediately ran up the stairs to the rooftop. But he was stopped by two detectives running down.

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### Eden In NY

New York, Dec. 16. Sir Anthony Eden, former British Prime Minister, arrived here by Comet airliner today en route to Mexico for a holiday ordered by his doctors. —Reuter.

### G.I. Leaving China For Home In U.S.

Peking, Dec. 17. Private Richard G. Corden, one of 21 American soldiers who elected to remain in China after the Korean armistice, is on his way back to the United States, usually well-informed sources said last night.

Corden left Peking by train on Sunday for Canton and Hongkong on the first leg of his homeward trip, the

sources said. (He is expected to cross the border into Hongkong on Friday).

A year ago Corden was reported studying Chinese literature and politics at a University in Wuhan in central China with two other former American soldiers, whose names were given at the time as Harold Webb and Clarence Adams. —Reuter.

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# TORIES REFUSE SUEZ INQUIRY

## Labour Calls Eden An Honourable Man Who Should Have Known More

London, Dec. 16. The British Government, after a noisy scene in the House of Commons, tonight refused to appoint a committee to inquire into the 1956 Suez operation.

The Labour Opposition had suggested that a committee composed of members of all parties look into the Suez operation and the events that led up to it.

Labour members were angry that Mr Aneurin Bevan, Labour's chief spokesman on foreign affairs, was not called by the Deputy Speaker to speak before the government replied to the debate.

Mr George Wigg (Labour) who raised the matter said the fact that Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister at the time, could say as his last word to the House that he would do all again meant that an inquiry was a national requirement.

Whatever one might think about the operations and the necessity for strong action there was lack of plan, ships and aircraft.

Mr Wigg said he had never believed in the "father crat" system of collusion between Britain, France and Israel, as printed in some newspapers.

He went on: "I believe that the truth about Sir Anthony Eden is that he was not too much an honourable man."

### Villains

"I believe what Mr Randolph Churchill wrote about him [in a national newspaper recently] was that he did not know all that was going on."



Sir Anthony Eden

that the Anglo-French operation was slow.

"But I have not yet heard one single suggestion how it could be done quicker, except as an all-airborne operation to seize the canal," he said.

That course had been unanimously rejected.

It would have been a bold man who would have ordered an airborne operation against all military advice and probably with the resignations of those military advisers who had been overridden."

He personally thought it would have been risky and unwise measure which would have risked a large number of lives.

### Risk To Troops

"Perhaps the charge against him is that he did not know and ought to have known."

Mr Wigg said he believed the "villains of the piece" were the French and Mr Beddoe.

Sir Anthony Eden had caught himself in a chain of circumstances from which he could not withdraw.

Mr Anthony Head, Secretary for War at the time of the Suez operation, spoke of difficulties

Randolph Churchill

himself.



Antony Head

but did that worry them?

Neither did they stop to think of the effect their actions would have on our troops committed to battle, for better or worse.

"The Opposition showed themselves to be a party who would willingly sacrifice the prestige of our country for political gains and shows them lacking in patriotism."

Mr Snopes said there was no reason for an inquiry. The allegations of incompetence, political interference with military operations and collusion had "all been heard before."

Mr Aneurin Bevan, Labour's chief foreign affairs spokesman, said the demand for an inquiry was based on new facts that had emerged.

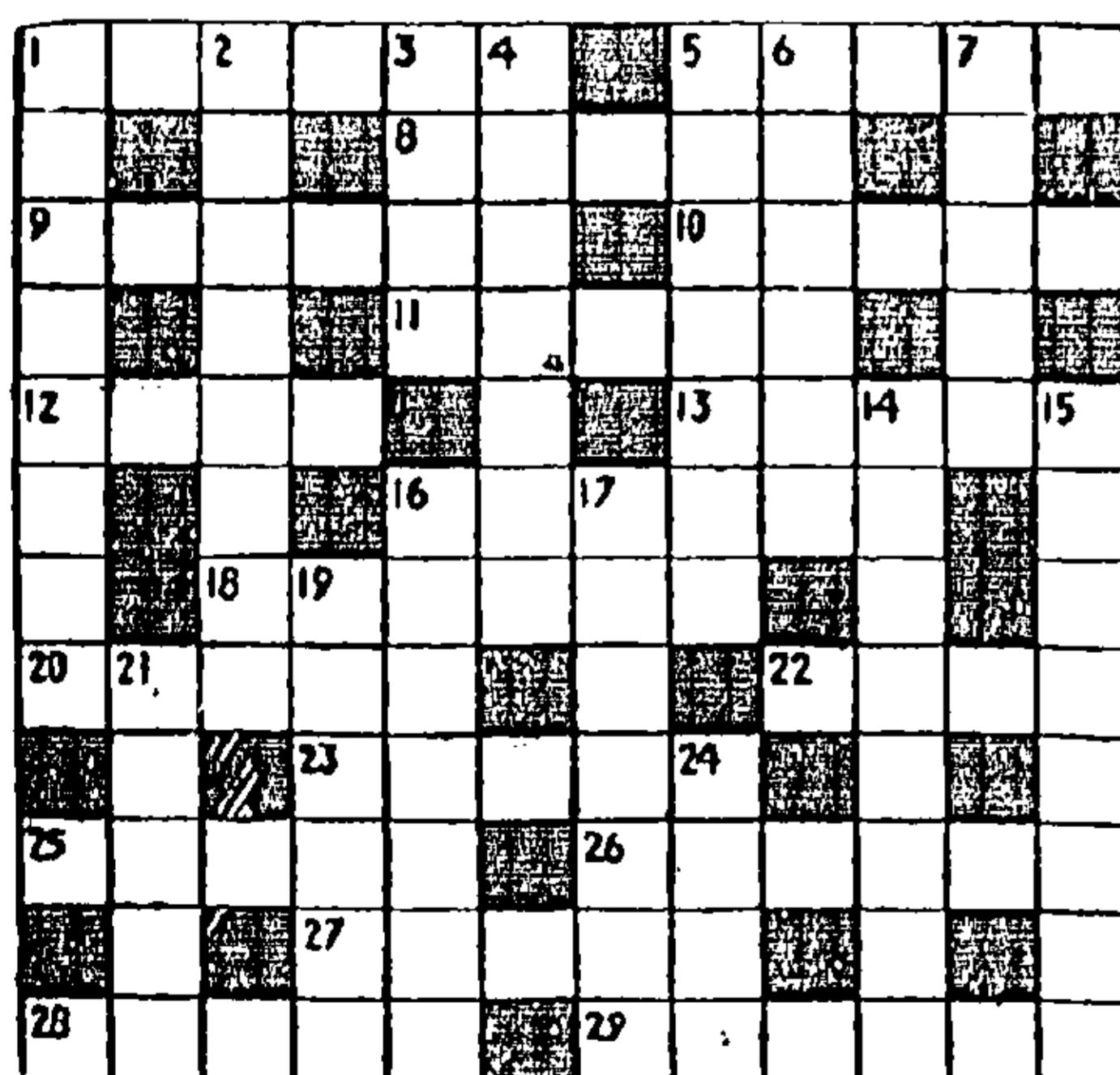
### "Suicidal"

One was that Mr Head had revealed that, in effect, he accused his colleagues of having deliberately planned what they knew to be an "almost suicidal operation" and then ran away from its consequences.

Another reason was that the principal witness (Sir Anthony Eden) had now sufficiently recovered in health to be able to write his memoirs on the subject.

The debate, which took place on a procedural motion for the adjournment of the House, ended without a vote.—Reuter.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Beat soundly (6).
  - Famous Norwegian dramatist (5).
  - Jollification (6).
  - Muscle attachment (6).
  - The bird for uplift? (5).
  - Follow (6).
  - Male deer (4).
  - Fundamental (5).
  - What to expect when the doors at the sales open! (6).
  - Peripole enumeration (6).
  - They're wanting, so to speak (6).
  - Principal character (4).
  - Talents, maybe (6).
  - One could make it sad and 24 His site dropped an H? (6).
  - Bless 'em! (6).
  - Comparatively fresh (6).
  - Lashes (6).
  - Sprint (6).
- TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD**.—Across: 3 Bald, 7 Moron, 9 Eros, 10 Bale, 12 Coshier, 12 Drat, 16 I-rate, 18 Knot, 19 Brind, 21 Aligo, 22 Abed, 23 Safes, 28 Tyke, 29 Radiant, 30 Lcer, 31 B-rim, 32 Nurse, 33 Scpl. Dovin; 1 No-mad, 2 Nothing, 4 A-part, 5 Deed (rev.), 6 Jota, 8 Beat, 11 Irons, 13 Rond, 14 God, 16 Eb-bed, 17 Onet (out), 18 Kc-in-k, 20 Residue, 22 Afar, 24 Arenia, 25 Gnash, 27 Yarn, 28 El-Ms.

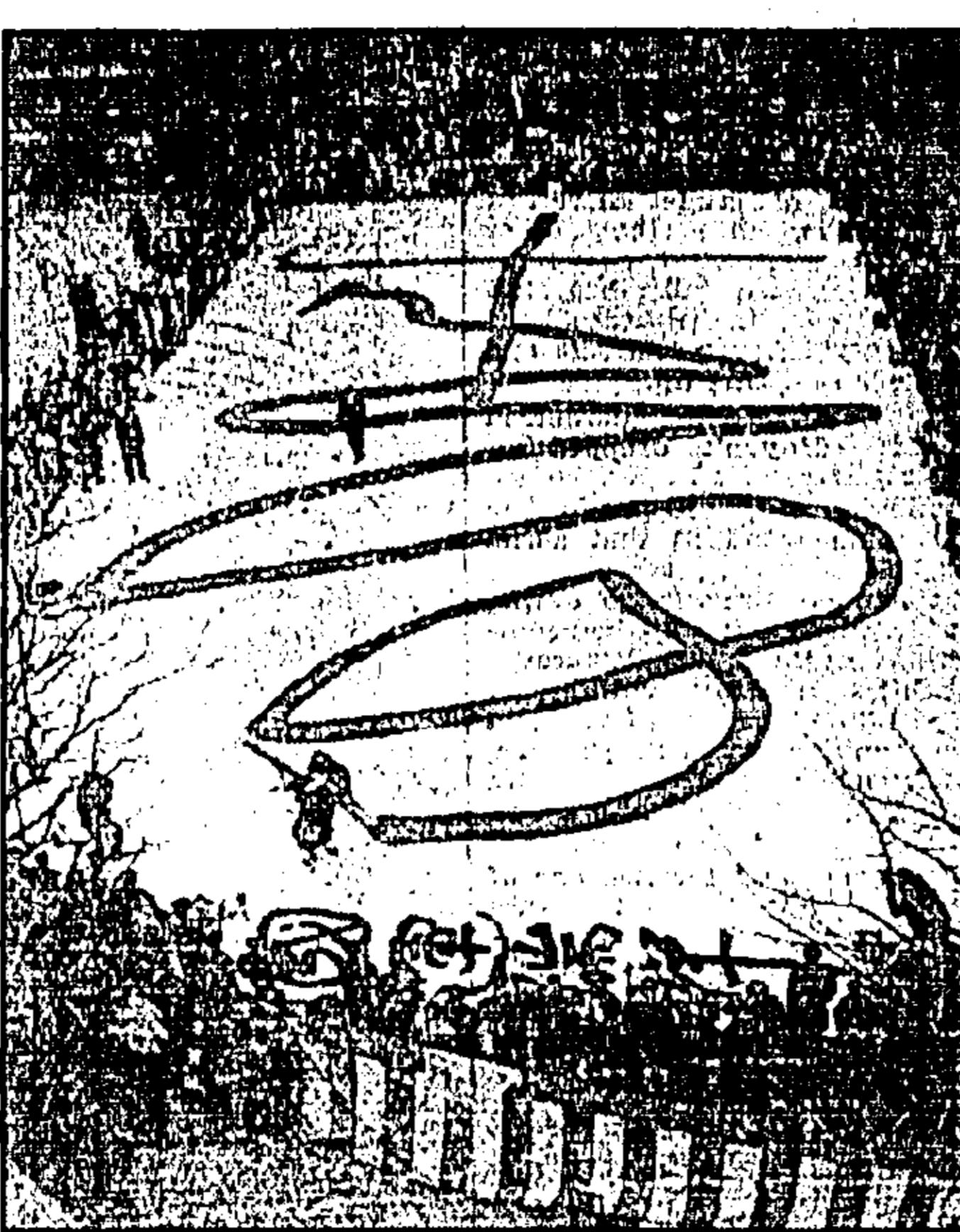
### Indonesian Paper Closed

Djakarta, Dec. 16. The Djakarta Military Command today announced that the English-language daily newspaper, the Times of Indonesia, had been banned from publishing for an indefinite period, Antara News Agency reported.

The Army announcement said the paper had been banned because it had carried a report "that can be regarded as harming Indonesia's good name."

The announcement "did not state what the report was but Antara added "It was worthy of note" that on December 11 the paper had published a strong editorial attack on President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.—Reuter.

## Mammoth Gift



Master calligrapher Tendo Obayashi of Tokyo, using a mop sized writing brush, writes the Chinese character "Kotohniku" (felicitation) on a 17,820 square feet sheet of paper, before a big crowd at the grounds of Tokiwa-matsu Elementary School.

He plans to present the huge calligraphy to Crown Prince Akihito to congratulate him on his engagement. Obayashi is the world record holder in both "mammoth writing" and "micro writing." He can write 3,000 Chinese characters on a grain of rice.—U.P.I. Photo.

## U.S. TO FLY INTO SPACE AND RETURN

Cranwell, Dec. 16. Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley said here today that next spring United States test pilots will attempt to take a plane out into space, circle the Earth and then bring it back to their base.

## Pilots Set New Record

Washington, Dec. 16. Two Air Force pilots set a record of 1,150 M.P.H. for intercepting and destroying an "enemy" aircraft in a test on December 10 at Larson Air Force Base, Washington, It was disclosed today.

The airmen, flying F-104 Star Fighters, took off, intercepted and theoretically destroyed a target 35,000 feet up and 172 miles from their base in 8:50.9 minutes.

The performance was revealed by Gen. Curtis E. LeMay who presented the two with the General Electric Trophy for significant achievement in aviation at a National Aeronautics Association luncheon.—U.P.I.



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## GUARDS ON TRIAL TELL OF DEATHS

## 10,800 Russians Shot To Music In German Camps

Bonn, Dec. 16.

Two former concentration camp guards told a court here today how 10,800 Russian prisoners of war were shot in the neck at Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the war to the strains of march music.

Gustav Sorge and Wilhelm Schubert are charged with being responsible for the murder of more than 11,000 concentration camp inmates and Russian prisoners of war in Sachsenhausen and Esterwegen concentration camps.

In statements Sorge and Schubert said the prisoners were brought to the camp in transports and not registered.

They were taken to a long building with six rooms.

In the first two rooms they were told to undress for "medical examination" and were watched by S.S. men dressed in white doctors coats.

### Soundproofed

In the third room the prisoners were told to stand against the wall where there was a measure for taking heights.

While they were being measured S.S. men concealed in another small room shot them in the back of the neck through slits in the wall.

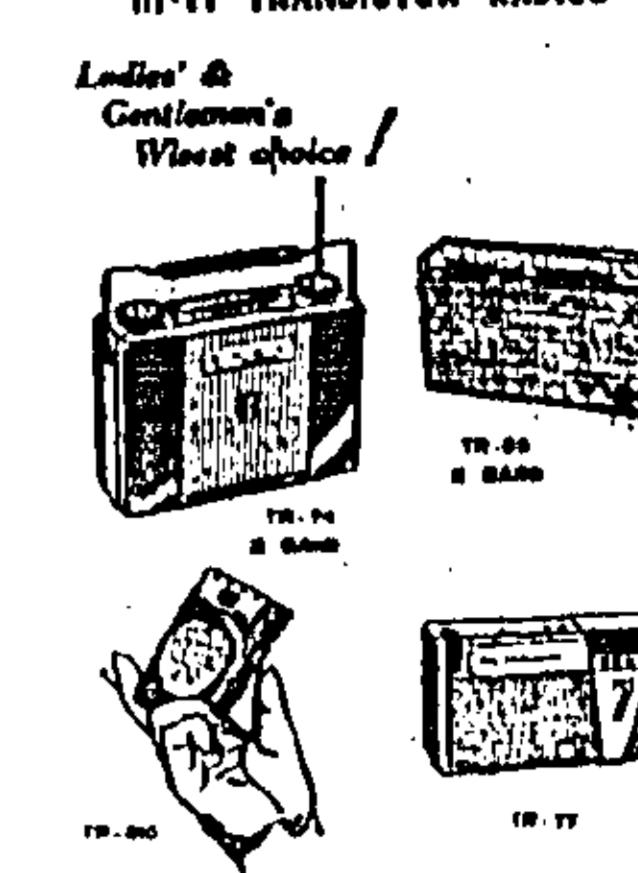
Sorge and Schubert said that records of march music were played loudly to prevent other Russian prisoners in the undressing rooms hearing shots. The execution room was soundproofed.

After the shooting German prisoners carried the bodies out to a further room and the door was washed down with water to remove blood.

In the next rooms the bodies were examined for gold teeth and cremated.

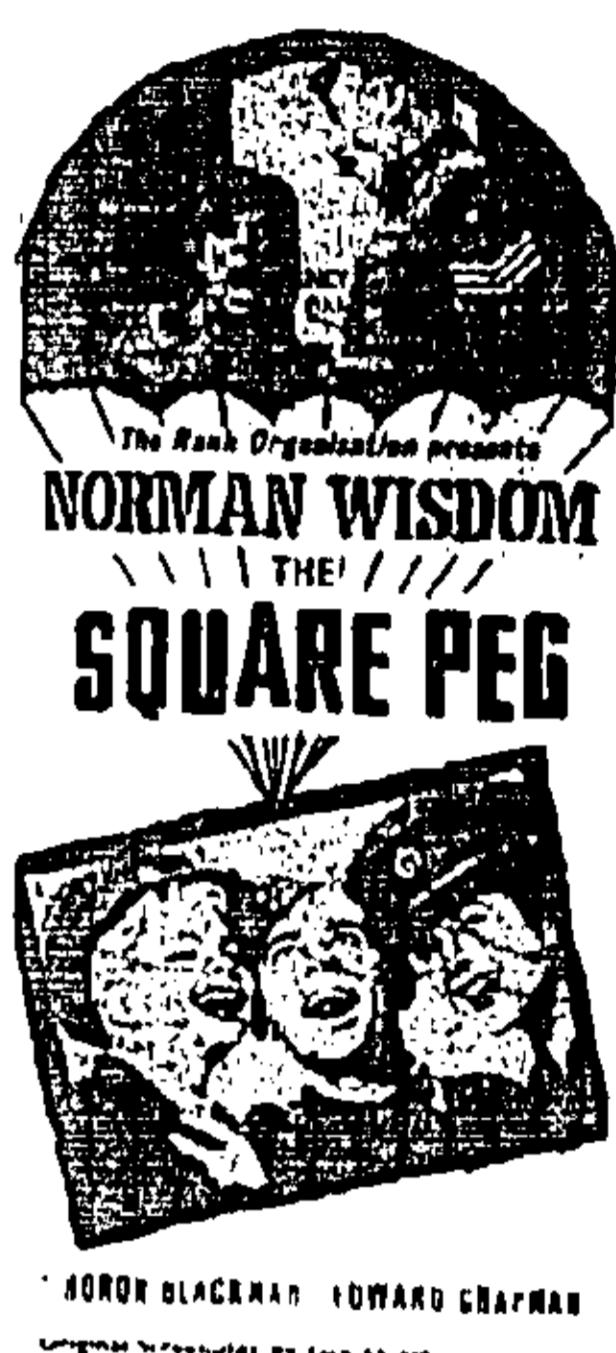
About 300 prisoners were shot a day more than the cremation

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# I reach the dizzy heights

**... WHEN I JOIN MR. COOK IN LONDON'S HIGHEST CRANE**

LIKE any other right-minded, work-shy citizen I take advantage of the free entertainment open to all on road works and building sites.

A good demolition job (especially a great swinging boulder called the "headache pill") has more drama and tension than an X film and tension can't stand still. And a request for audience participation was the foreseeable next step.

## Splendid!

But for a pure-minded sense of progress and achievement you have to watch a building being constructed. Climbing up inch by inch.

"Yes, I watched that one go up in '57," you say, implying it could not have got up without you.

Having something of the prehistoric, future-moulding attitude of a gallery first-nighter, it was natural I should try to get up one of those gorgeous cranes that stand about making signs and passes over London, sooner or later.

And it had to be the biggest. A splendid, gaunt, elegant object as logical and majestic as a stocking-run. One hundred and fifty-six feet six and three

inches of it (worth £13,000), standing bolt upright, waving its blessing over Marylebone.

The owners (McAlpine) promptly detected the encroaching maniac impeding my desire to clamber up their crane but they are resigned to being the biggest and longest unpaid show business. And a request for audience participation was the foreseeable next step.

## A welcome

Since the recent weather has provided little choice it was a foggy morning when we started the climb. It was still a foggy morning when we got to the top, but once there the sort of warm welcome that should be the reward of all ascent was waiting. Into the tiny green-painted cabin we plodded, just keeping our elbows out of the electric fire and jam pots, and Mr. Tom Cook.

Mr. Cook is one of the elite of the building world he is a *monstrous* driver, which is 30ft. above being an ordinary crane driver. And you get an entirely new view of the building trade when you realise it was bred to it. And so were his nine brothers.

"You know, the way I work really governs the speed of the

entire job. This is a quiet morning, but most days I'm working all the time," he said.

## His record

"You could tell which particular job my father was on from where each of us was born. I was Devonport Dock for my oldest brother, Bristol Dock for me, Portsmouth or Woolwich Docks for the others."

He waves through the fog that surrounds his cabin in the sky.

"I've a brother on that job across there."

For a while the crane has been still, the cabin nodding slowly like a flowerbed.

Now Mr. Cook's sharp eyes had caught a signal from his hardly-visible "bankman"—the controller on the ground. A crane driver and his bankman communicate in a tin-tin language of their own.

"I'll just slew round, he wants some of those bundles of tin."

With a sensation as though a chain had been threaded through one from top to toe and was now being steadily haulled on, the crane started manoeuvring about.

In a burst of activity the bankman induced the crane to pick up this, drop that, slew round and slew back again. It was precise, elegant work that reminded one of sculptors and surgery.

"You know, the way I work really governs the speed of the

But more important than the speed of a crane driver, I learned, is that the other workers should trust him. "Otherwise, with all that stuff swinging over their heads all the time, they'd never feel safe and always be looking up."

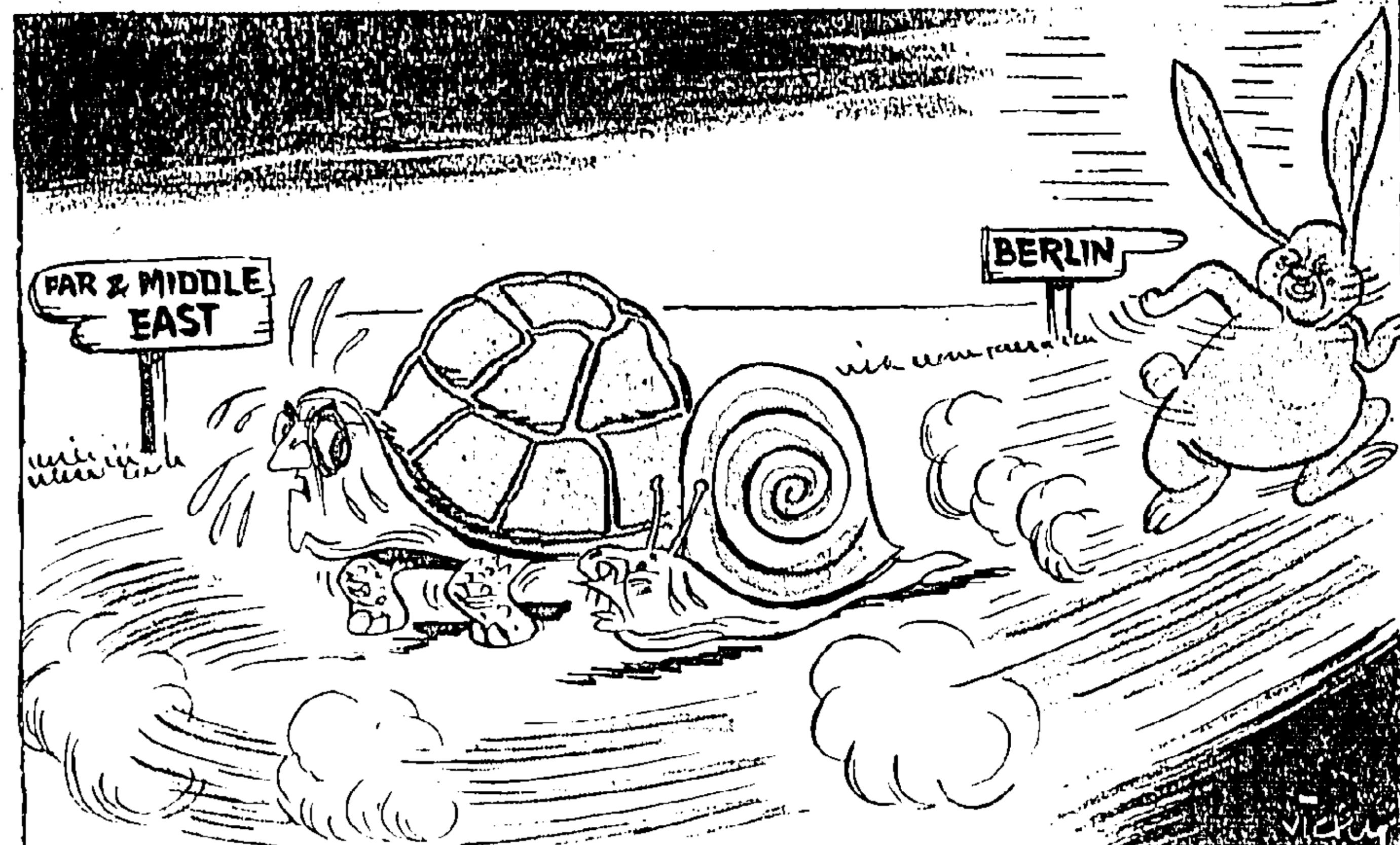
Mr. Cook has a guaranteed record. "I haven't dropped or misjudged a load yet, touch wood," he said hard put to it to find some wood in that aerial gadget that is his place of work. It seemed time to go down. On the way up the fog had completely muffled the distance.

"Takes a lady with good nerves to come up with," said Mr. Cook, as we said goodbye, which unnerved me to the point of stepping right off into space. I was just caught in time.

But next time I watch one of those enormous gaunt cranes swinging majestically about I shall not think how superior and detached they look. I shall think of Mr. Cook.

★ Didn't somebody forget something? Posters advertising the panto Sleeping Beauty list six star names. All men!

(London Express Service).



London Express Service

# Girls Beg For Jobs In Strip Dens

PROWLING in the grimy depths of London's vice, I found myself in a pub in Soho eavesdropping on two attractive girls seated at the next table.

Eavesdropping? Unrepentantly. My guide had asked me to pay particular attention to the older-looking of the two girls.

She was a beauty. Raven-haired, lovely, and poised. And her clothes couldn't hide her figure.

Suddenly her voice rose slightly, and with magnificent bonhomie she said: "I've got £50 in my pocket, and I don't know what to do with it. I suppose I'll just have to go and buy some more clothes."

My companion nudged me. "Do you know where she gets that sort of 'jolly'? Stripping! And other things!"

He smirked. "Do you know how old she is? FIFTEEN." Why should this man tell me this?

## SHOCKED

Because I had shown myself naive enough to be shocked by a report of a 14-year-old girl stripping in a club.

He was out to show me how it happens—and to let me draw my own conclusions as to why.

There are dozens of clubs on and beyond the vice-line in London. All of them have some sort of strip cabaret.

"These girls don't carry their birth certificates around with them," he went on. "How is a club proprietor to know when they are under age?"

It is true that one 14-year-old girl has been caught stripping in a tiny club for an audience of 34 men. But what guarantees can there be that the police, as they did in this case, will always catch girls like her before worse befalls them?

With the assistance of another newspaperman I tracked down the man who ran the club. He is an ex-public schoolboy, dapper, charming, suave—and 34. He admits that he has, in another connection, been called "the most sinister manager of the call-girl racket in London."

## SUAVE

He is also the son of a respected missionary evangelist now in America and the nephew of a knight. His own marriage has broken up, and his two children are with their grandparents in America.

I asked him pointed questions about the 14-year-old girl who until recently police raid, he had hired at £8 a week to strip in a room measuring 12 feet by 12 feet—a room crammed with 34 ogling men.

"Did you know she was only 14?"

Immaculate in camel-hair overcoat, he spread his hands in horror. "Certainly not. Don't take my word for it, that she looked 20. Ask any of the people who watched her dance."

"How do you hire the services of such a child?"

"Through an agency," was the frank reply. "There are dozens of clubs round London using strippers. It has become such big business that agencies have

By

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part of a stripper's job to accommodate individuals in her audience. What she does in respect is her own affair."

"Are you going to open another strip joint?"

"Could do tomorrow, old chap. Anyone can open a club but I'm finished with that particular line. I mean that. Something else will turn up."

## FRANK

Out of this—considering the circumstances—remarkably frank conversation, one point struck me. That teenage girls were falling over themselves in droves to become hostesses, possibly strippers on the fringe of London's vice life.

Was this true? I rammed through Soho, in and out of clubs and near-beer joints. I spoke to dozens of girls. And my findings? Take Shirley (as I will call her, though that is not her real name): Good home, good school, good job. But she was restless for the bright lights. She came to London against her parents' wishes and started an advanced secretarial course. Her mother thinks she is a private secretary.

"I took this job at nights to pay my way," she shrugged. "But the money is so easy—and I'm on duty until the early hours. It didn't seem worth while to get up tired at 8 a.m. and study, so I live on my commission here."

"But they don't start as strippers?"

"Sometimes they do. There are schools and agencies for strippers. If a girl is good, she can graduate straight from there to the clubs."

"But most start as hostesses. They come to me and beg for a job. Maybe they've run away from home. Maybe they just can't be bothered earning money the hard way. And I take them on. Once they see the easy life of the strippers, it's a short step from hostess to the seven veils."

"Do many strippers become prostitutes?"

"I don't know," he said. "But I think that for some weeks girls the temptation does exist."

"You laughed when I asked if you didn't feel any personal responsibility towards these girls. Yet you have admitted, step by step, that you might be playing a part in the road to prostitution?"

"He thought for a moment. "How can I answer you fairly?" he said at length. "I ran a strip club. That's how I made my money. Am I really to be held responsible for the inclinations of some of these girls?"

"Wouldn't it be more true to condemn their parents? After all, it is as a result of their home background that most of them come to London, thirsting—absolutely thirsting, old chap—after easy money?"

"But you say you ran a call-girl syndicate?"

"That's a different thing entirely. And that's over and done with. You were talking of teenage strippers."

"I was also talking of strippers turning prostitutes," I said.

"No, I won't be caught like that," he retorted. "It isn't

# THE 'BLEEP BLEEP' PINT COMES TO BRITAIN

The first radio-controlled public house of the Sputnik age has come to Britain. Just before Christmas the staff of 16 at The Buckles Inn, between Tadcaster and York, will be given midget radio receivers—about the size of a small pen-type torch.

These will sound "bleep

bleep" when service is needed in other parts of the house.

"It's going to make an enormous difference to the efficiency and control of a public house of this size," said Mr. Cecil Redhead, the licensee. "The system will enable us to switch staff to another without delay."

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# WOMANSENSE

## My, How Hongkong's Changed!

### Their Heads Were Hers

**Vienna.** When Mrs Poldi Mader, who runs what is one of the most modern ladies' hairdressing establishments in Vienna, celebrated her 70th birthday recently, she also celebrated the fact that she has been a leader of fashion in hairdressing for over half a century.

In that time, she has dressed the hair of some of the most prominent ladies in Europe.

Since Poldi, as she is known to her clients, first began dressing hair as an apprentice in 1903, she has seen countless changes in style. Piled up coiffures gave way to bobs, in 1929 she did the first permanent wave ever to be done in Vienna,

a process which lasted five hours, and finally came shingles, bangs and the host of hair styles of the last 30 years.

In her early days she was sent to the great salons of Vienna carrying with her in a basket her brushes and combs and lotions.

But her career really began when she was called to attend on the Russian Grand Duchess Anna Pavlova in 1911. The Grand Duchess was so pleased with her work that she was constantly sent for after that, whenever the Duke and Duchess were in Germany or Austria. She went with them to Munich, Berlin, Dresden and elsewhere.

"The most noticeable change," said Mrs Reynolds, "is the terrific increase in population."

"I recall clearly," she continued, "that in 1932 I could walk down Des Voeux Road in complete comfort and take my time shopping. It would be almost hazardous to try it today."

#### Cleamer

By and large, however, Mrs Reynolds feels that Hongkong has altered for the better. The streets are cleaner, the transportation system more efficient and the poverty considerably reduced.

"I was happy to note that there are fewer beggars today."

**Mrs Reynolds and her husband Chief Inspector Reynolds, left the Colony 26 years ago. Here they talk about the amazing changes they found.**

**PEOPLE I MEET**  
by JOANNE BLAIR

Cheongsams are slit a bit higher, hair cuts are shorter and neater, while poise and self-assurance stand out vividly.

#### New To Me

"It's new to me," remarked Mrs Reynolds, "to see a Chinese woman drive a car, smoke a cigarette or serve in a shop!"

"And the way they speak English! It's really amazing!" she exclaimed. "I'm thrilled to see the progress they have made."

The roaring buses, literally thousands of cars and the speed with which Hongkong moves make up the third astonishing feature of the city.

#### The Noise

"All the noise and rushing takes my breath away," she says. "In my early days here we used to go everywhere either by chair or by rickshaw. Of course, there were cars just before we left, but nothing like the numbers we see today."

Mrs Reynolds paid tribute to the many social welfare societies who have helped to improve the lot of the Chinese.

Another very noticeable alteration, Mrs Reynolds notes, is the change in the Chinese women. "How smart and chic they are," she says with delight. "Mind you, they always were very well dressed, but these days they are decidedly Westernised."

All the reclaimed land too,

has made a difference. Areas

that were remembered as a

beach or cliff, now boast high

buildings and wide roads. The

first reclamation of land, she

says, was at Praya East but it was nothing in



MRS. A. N. REYNOLDS

### Happy Travelling

By GAY PAULEY

you're a cocktail costume with plenty of decolletage.

The tapered Jersey pants have push-up legs, so that they're hidden under the coat, if the travelling girl wants to wear her lounge clothes instead of changing into them once aboard plane.

She can get the look of a white dickey back into the blouse and wearing the straight skirt with Jersey belt. Then the beaded leg of the two-piece suit can go with the plain skirt, or belted skirt with plain top.

Loper has developed an all-Jersey wardrobe in black. The basic 10 items worked out to at least 22 combinations in my count, and a good mathematician probably could make 44 more. It is done with mix, match reverses and zippers, and fits neatly into a single hatbox. With accessories, it weighs in at just 20 pounds.

The basic is a fitted coat, slant trousers, blouse with removable white dickey, a straight skirt, a hood, a two-piece jet beaded suit, one Jersey belt and one wide satin cummerbund.

#### Daytime

The coat zips apart at the waistline, leaving a jacket that can be combined with the straight skirt; the coat, skirt in fact, is lined with taffeta, so that turned wrong side out it is dressy. Add the jersey blouse with dickey zipped out and

you've a cocktail costume with

plenty of decolletage.

The skirt of the coat should be less full.

Loper's other customers apparently have no complaints.

Several movie star clients have paid \$1,100 for the wardrobe.

### Household Hints

Never press a dress or other garment with a stain in it. First try to remove the stain; pressing may set it so it can't be removed.

Save mesh bugs—from packages of oranges, potatoes, and so forth—to use as tote bugs for books and small articles.

Moths are not interested in cottons, linens, rayons or other synthetic fabrics. They eat only fabrics of animal origin—wool, fur and feathers.

Your gloves—especially nubby ones—will last much longer if you exercise care in putting them on and taking them off.

**Santa's HEADQUARTERS**

#### FOR PRACTICAL-SENSIBLE GIFTS

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♦ J 6 5	
WEST (D)	EAST
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♦ A K 9 5	♦ Q J 3 2
♦ J 2	♦ Q 6
♦ K 10 8	♦ A 7 4
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♦ A 10 7 5 4 3	
♦ Q 3 2	
Both vulnerable	
West North East South	
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Pass 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠	Pass 5 ♠
Pass 7	
You, South, hold:	
♦ A Q 6 3 ♠ K 7 3 ♠ A J 4 4 2	
What do you do?	
A Bid at spades. A player would be a coward to pass here.	

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again you have doubled East's one club opening. West has bid one heart and North has bid one spade. You, South, hold:  
♦ A Q 6 2 ♠ K 7 3 ♠ A J 4 4 2  
What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

### YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

BORN today, you have tremendous self-reliance and confidence in your ability to project your own success. You are not afraid of effort and are in the realm of the arts and the sciences and whatever your particular gifts may be, you are the earliest to find them. Most people need to be encouraged to specialize in their work, but you are right in doing this. You like to plan everything, to a large extent, and to map out something, then find it very difficult to implement your grandioses ideas. Better, perhaps, tell your ideas to others, those readily attainable, and then go on to greater heights.

You have the innate temperament to make you a good manager, the determination of your work. You are highly emotional. Your likes and dislikes are very strong and you share them too. When in good humour and among those whose company you enjoy, no one could accuse you of being arrogant or pleasant. But when you are in one of your "every tower" moods and allow your feelings to get the upper hand, you are quite unpredictable. The one you wed must understand the side of your

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

PACIFICANUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not bad, to be aggressive or to insist on your own way. Be cooperative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—It is not an easy day for hiring and firing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Gentle and easy, unless you are school basketball—perhaps holds your interest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Your most efficient day this week, to make real progress on an important project.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 18)—More than data with the dentists. Do that necessary thing today and you'll be glad you did it.

TAURUS (April 19-May 17)—If your nervous energy is depleted, plan to relax tensions this evening.

GEMINI (May 18-June 22)—If nerves are a little raged today, plan to get extra rest. Tonight, enjoy a quiet evening.

CANCER (June 23-July 22)—Don't anticipate speedy action now. Be content to make normal, average progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Don't seek outside advice in a personal situation. Solve your own problems in your own way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—The creative arts are in favour, so take advantage of the trend in doing your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Patience can begin now. A good day for it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—A sense of true love should run smoothly now, for romance is in the air.



"Our speaker has been delayed, so let's all have a good time till he gets here!"

### Rupert and the Carved Stick - 40



After a lot of pushing by Edward the boat has its prop in the water, and the four of the two pair are put on board and off they go. "I do hope the island is as exciting as it looked when we first saw it," says Rupert. "The sea is quite calm and they make good progress. There's only one tiny beach where we can land, and the gentle waves of the surf are breaking over the rocks. Soon the keel is grating on a narrow stretch of pebbles and Rupert jumps out to help pull it in.

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# THE WORLD CHAMP CALLS IT A DAY

## KRAMER TROUPE BANNED FROM PLAYING IN TESTIMONIAL MATCH

Perth, Dec. 16.  
Jack Kramer's professional tennis troupe will not be allowed to play in a testimonial tournament for former Australian Davis Cup star, Jack Crawford, at Sydney's White City on January 11.

Announcing this today, Mr. Donald Ferguson, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said this decision was taken at the same time as the Association agreed to seek a world-wide ban on the use by Kramer's professionals of amateur courts.

Mr. Ferguson said the Association decided they could not approve the suggestion made about a month ago that Kramer's professionals should stay at the testimonial tournament providing they played only among themselves.

This was decided, said Mr. Ferguson, because of the previous decision to ban the Kramer troupe from the Association's courts.

## Kramer Angry At Having To Desert US Team

Promoter Jack Kramer angrily flew out of Perth tonight, three days before the start of the Italy-United States Davis Cup Interzone final, saying he was forced to desert the United States team because of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia's ban against his professional troupe playing in the Jack Crawford testimonial match.

Kramer, who was coaching the American Cup team, said: "I want to find out what these LTAA guys are trying to do to me. Crawford is such a swell guy, I don't want to see his testimonial tournament collapse."

The promoter said he was going to Sydney to seek another venue for the testimonial tournament. He also wants to complete arrangements for his troupe's tour.

He said he will rejoin the American team in Brisbane for the challenge round. —U.P.T.

### NOTICE

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the new Branch Office of the Club at King's Road, North Point (near the Empire Theatre) will open for the sale of Cash Sweep tickets as from Thursday, 18th December, 1958.

A. E. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

## MOTORCYCLING SIDE-CAR WORLD RECORD

Perth, Dec. 16.  
Swiss motorcyclist Florian Camathias broke the 100-kilometre side-car record in the speedway here today in 30 mins. 52.8 secs.—an average of 104.3 kilometres an hour (121.1 mph). Camathias rode a B.M.W.

Italy's Albino Milani on a Gilera held the previous mark with a 109.733 kilometres an hour (118.2 mph) average.

Camathias planned to go for the world hour-long record but had to quit with chassis trouble. —France-Presse.



MIKE HAWTHORN

## Henry Longhurst On Golf

## BACK TO EARTH FROM THE HEIGHTS OF MEXICO

The journey so far afield as Mexico leaves many impressions on the mind, not all of them related to the golf, which was strictly the object of the visit.

The first is that, having expended the whole of this space a year or so ago to lifting my hat to Harry Bradshaw I cannot refrain from briefly doing so again.

Ireland brought the Canada Cup home and O'Connor played a splendid supporting role. But Harry was the hero.

I will not harp further on the difficulties of playing golf at high altitudes, but it will hardly be disputed that weight for weight and age for age, there is no better than Harry Bradshaw—and never mind what part of Ireland he comes from.

The two going areas in my personal boner—the length of the golf ball and slowness of play—were exhibited in Mexico in such full and magnificent idiocy that I must wait for another day to do justice to them, as well as to my various talks with the now, mellowed and humanised edition of Ben Hogan.

**Golfer Of Year**

When others were sinking exhausted in the locker room, he was ready with affable conversation, and as for the dysentery, "I didn't go to get it, you'll get it anyway."

A year ago in Tokyo, he had to retire from this tournament through persistent nose bleeding. I saw him standing cheerfully in the hotel entrance as we left. Only three or four people of whom I was not one, then knew that in the intervening

days he had been so near to death that a priest had been called to administer the last rites.

My colleagues are due shortly to elect a Golfer of the Year who has "done most for British Golf." Had they seen him in Mexico, they would look no further than Harry Bradshaw—and never mind what part of Ireland he comes from.

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**Up And Coming**

Reverting from golf, I was not the only Englishman to sense that if ever there were an up-and-coming country it is Mexico and that, if I had a surplus million, I would at once invest it there.

The caricature of Mexico is a thing of the past. The parade to celebrate the last revolution took two and a half hours to pass my window and was devoted almost wholly to the arts of physical prowess. Not a man or a girl can have been more than 30, and a finer lot I never saw.

Furthermore, believe it or not, they like the British. I soon learned that to slip into the conversation "I come from London"—as opposed, I fear, to Texas or New York—was the "open sesame" to gleaming smiles and enthusiastic handshakes. My heart naturally warmed in return—till they drove me in their motor cars, when I sank to my boots.

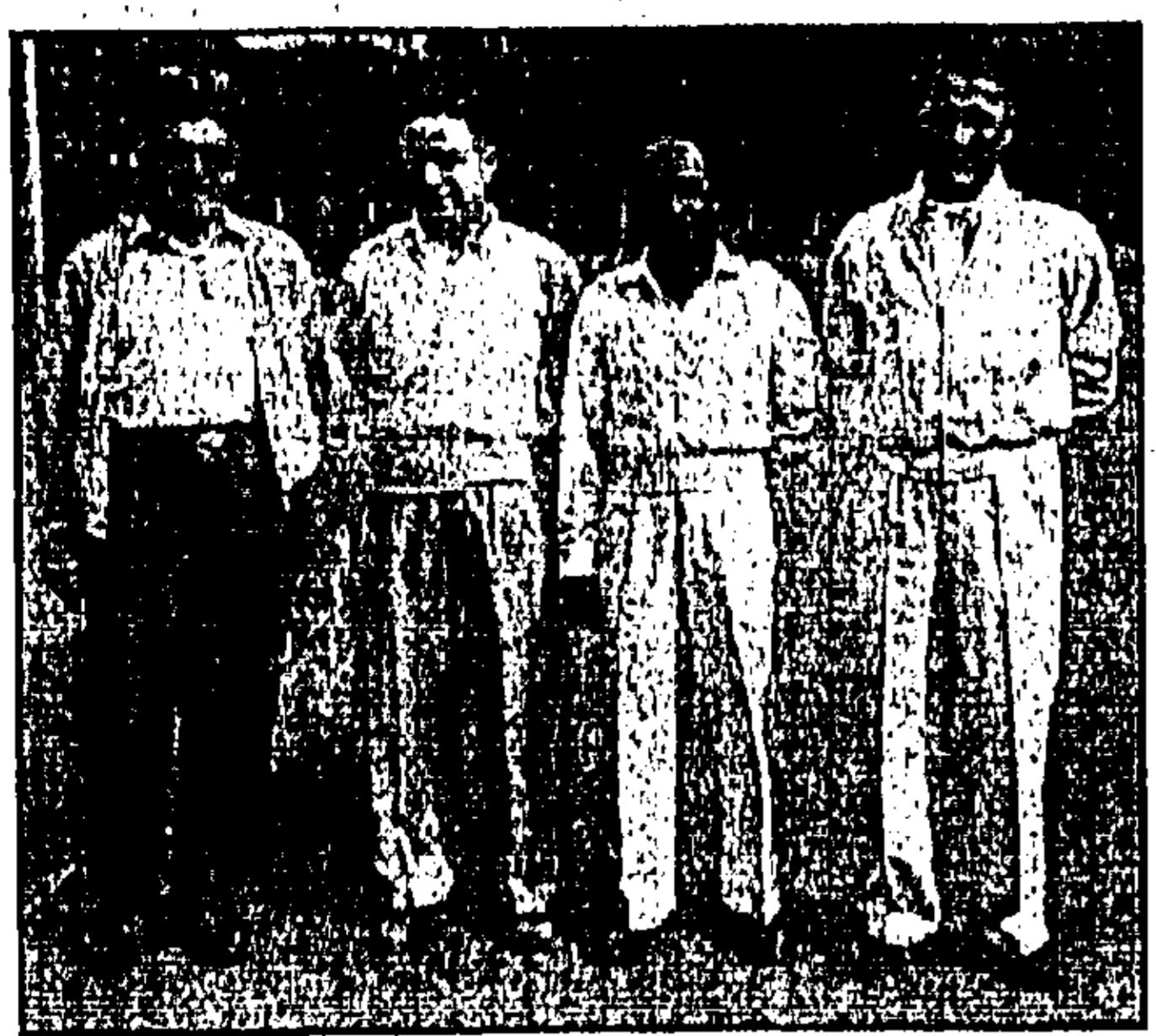
**Impressions**

Their driving is based on the first principle of carmanship: "The man who loses his nerve last goes across first." Rather like playing "nibbles" at school, with the reverse object, namely, to ensure that the other fellow hits you amidsips rather than vice-versa, thus proving himself in the wrong.

Of many crowded impressions, the strongest is that of the journeman and here we may indeed be proud. Six hours direct from Mexico City to New York in the Comet. It is true that we landed on the wrong green—so to speak—and found ourselves breakfasting at Prestwich.

**Sports Diary**

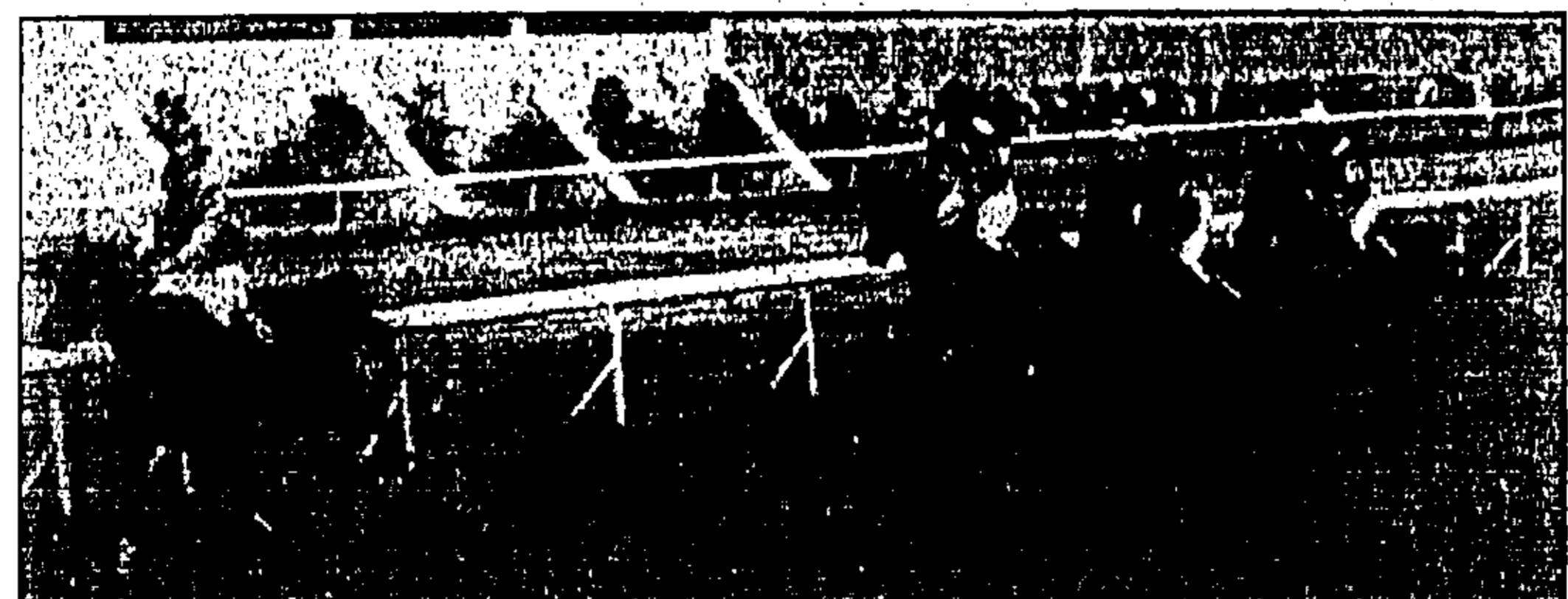
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The Colony Inter-hong pairs lawn bowls competition for the Ali Shield concluded last Sunday when A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb of Dodwell and Co. Ltd beat W. L. McCall and W. M. Davidson of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd by 30-14 in the final match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Photo shows (from left to right) W. L. McCall, W. M. Davidson, A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb.—China Mail Photo.

## SPORTS PICTORIAL



The first day's races of the Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday again claimed the week's major sports interest.

Top photo shows the finish of the main event of the afternoon—the Green Park Handicap for Class One ponies over the distance of one mile and 171 yards. Top favourite Night People could only finish third well behind Red Light (No. 4) and Winsome Star, with Red Light emerging winner in a photo-finish.

At left, Yin Chi is seen winning the Hamilton Park Handicap for Class 5 ponies from Co-ordination (No. 1) and Fenchurch (No. 2)—China Mail photos.



ABOVE: It looks as if a riot is going on here, but actually it is only Wimbledon tennis champion Ashley Cooper giving prison inmates a tennis demonstration when he recently visited the Bentridge Gaol in Victoria with other Davis Cup team members Neale Fraser and Rod Laver.—Central Press Photo.

RIGHT: That awful moment for a batsman is being experienced by Hongkong Cricket Club Optimists' batsman Pat Soughan as he turns back to see his wicket shattered by a ball from Scorpions bowler Cunningham after scoring 11 runs. This first division league match between the Optimists and the Scorpions last Saturday ended in a draw. — China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: England's "golden boy" of boxing, Terry Spinks (right) is seen during his ten-round contest which he won on points over the Canadian champion, Pat Supple, at Wembley last week.—Central Press Photo.



Undefeated Recrelo "A" scored an overwhelming 9-0 win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday in their senior ladies' hockey league match to be now well within verge of the Championship title.

Here Recrelo inside-left Lourdes Gutierrez is seen about to flick the ball past KCC goalkeeper Beta Buckingham for one of the nine Recrelo goals, as left-back Mini Motta races back in vain to cover up.—China Mail Photo.

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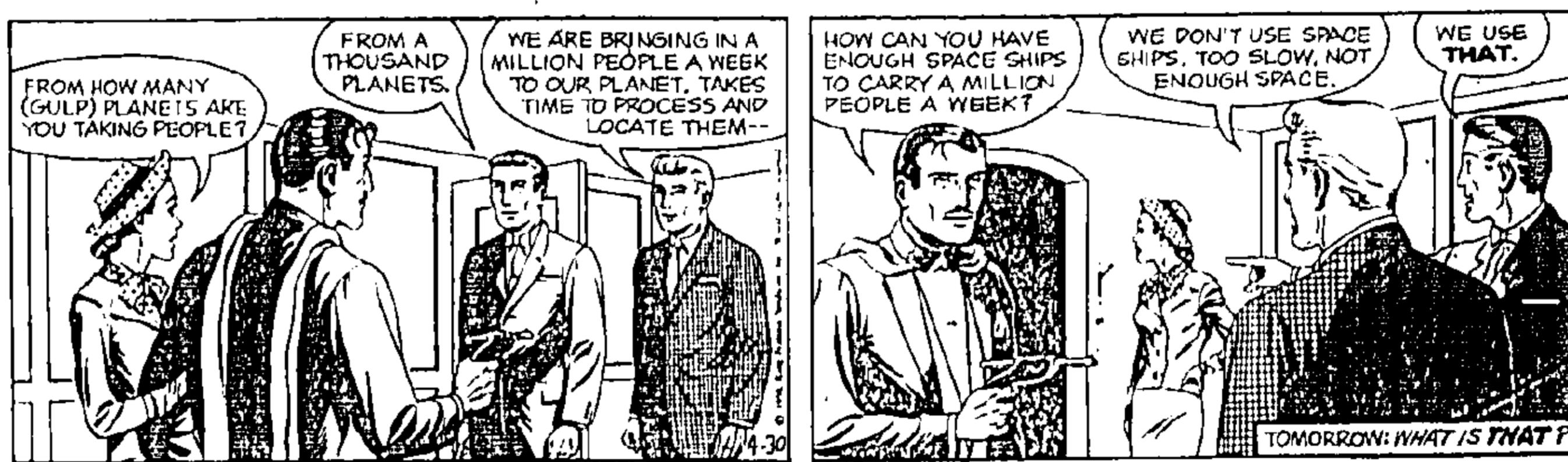
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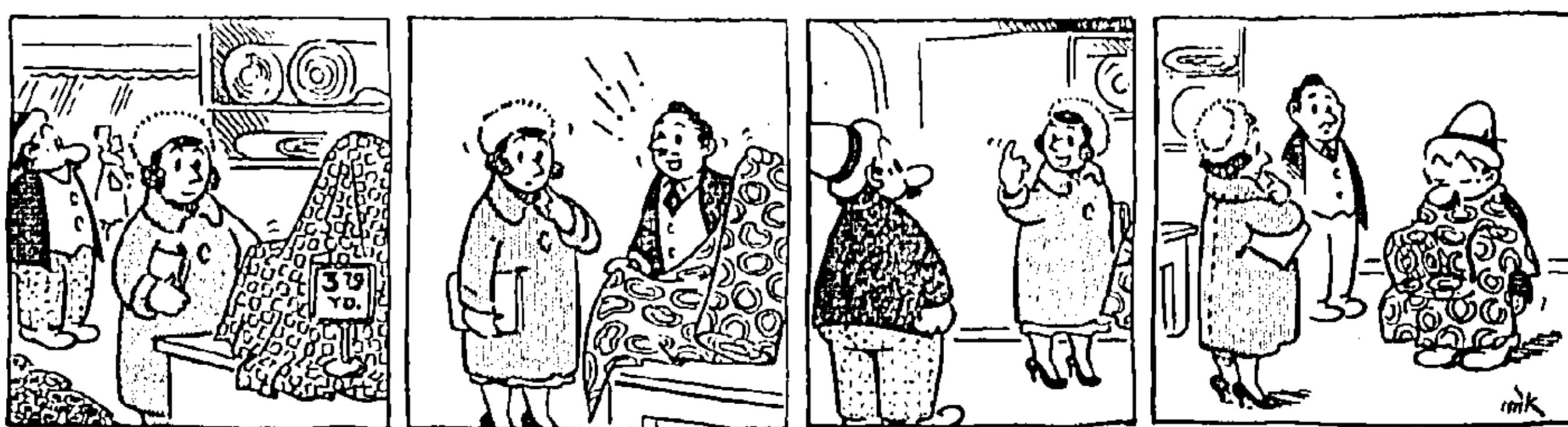
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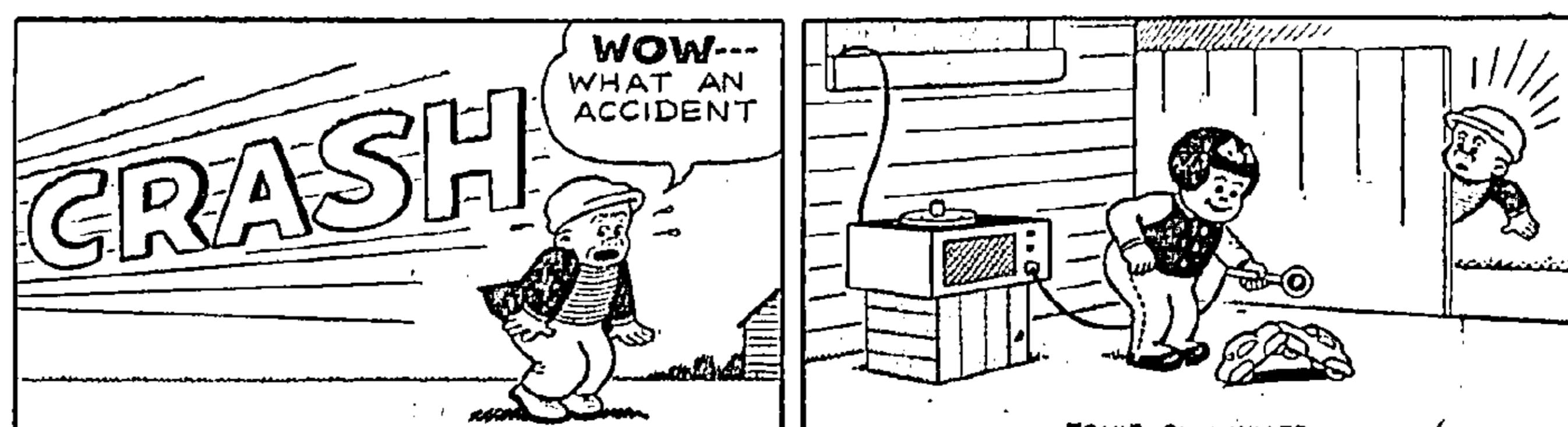


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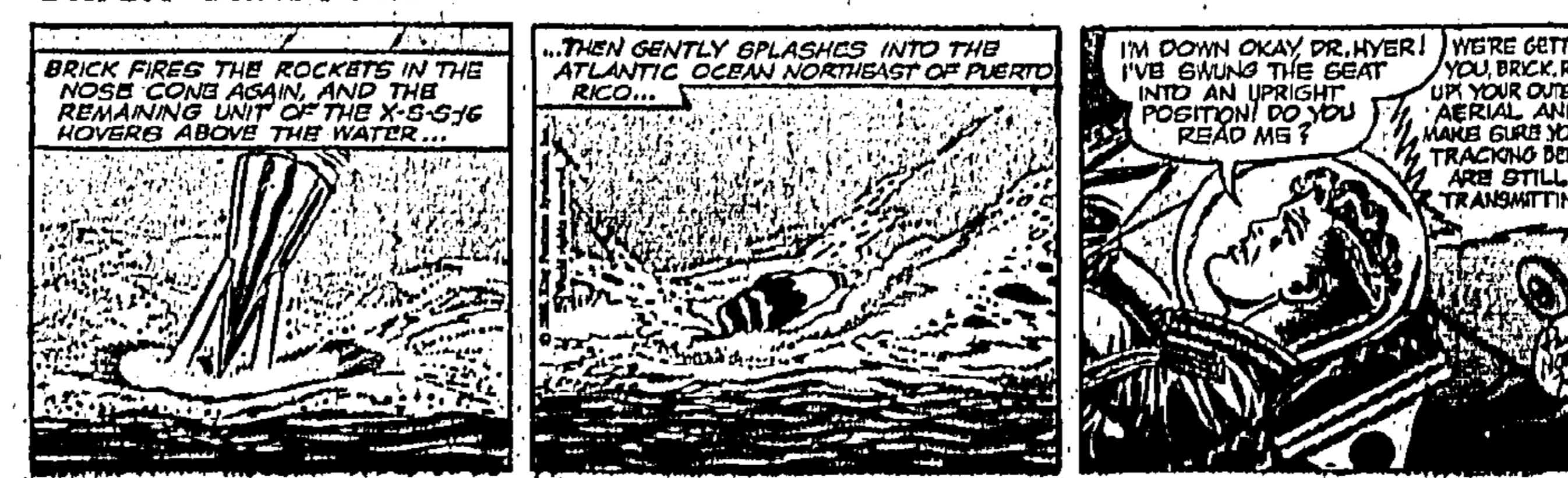
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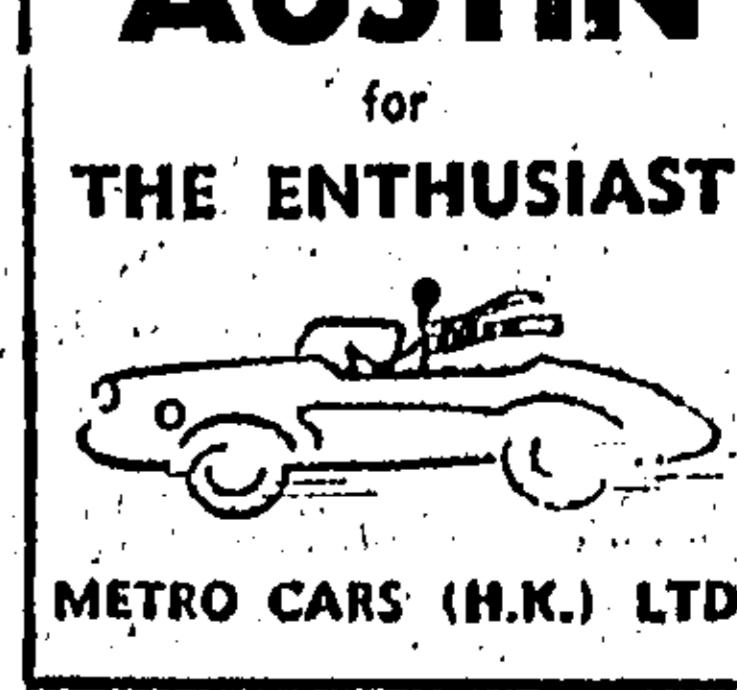


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# Mao - The Soldier Poet

## THE MASSES LOVE HIM BUT HE NEVER SOUGHT POPULARITY

Mao Tse-tung, who has resigned as Chairman of People's China, is the most contradictory figure of contemporary Communism.

He is a poet by taste, a philosopher by formation, a politician who has weathered the most violent struggles and a military strategist whose talents are recognised throughout the world.

He is also an excellent athlete. In 1956, at the age of 63, he swam the Yangtze River three times, remaining each time more than two hours in the icy waters and battling strong currents.

He was born in 1893 in Shao Shan, Hunan Province, the son of a small farmer who employed workers and paid them bodily. Mao's youth was dominated by one idea. To control the world and to finally be found in his own home.

He went to Teachers' College in Shanghai, and, at the age of 18, joined in the revolutionary movement directed against the falling Manchu Dynasty and imperialism" by Dr Sun Yat-sen, who was to be the founder of the Chinese Republic.

Mao was won over to Marxism and in 1921 attended the first Congress of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai. He wrote his works on strategy and ideology.

His name began to be known throughout China. His authority within the Communist Party was no longer contested, and in March, 1943, he was elected President of the Party's Political Bureau.

In 1949, China came under the control of the Communists and Mao was elected to head the government at the first session of the Chinese People's Consultative Council held in September.

In June, 1953, he was elected to the Central Committee of the Party but had many difficulties up to 1959.

He had to fight against Chiang Kai-shek, who broke with the Communists in 1927, and also against his own friends,

"Deviationist"

The Communist leaders in Moscow placed their confidence in another Chinese Communist leader, Li Tse-san, an advocate of workers' action, while Mao was the Communist Party to base itself on the peasantry.

Mao was finally called a "deviationist" and excluded from the Central Committee's Political Bureau.

However, Mao maintained his post on the Central Committee, and at the beginning of the military action revealed his talents as a brilliant strategist.

He gave striking proof of his abilities during the famous "long march" in which 100,000 revolutionaries (men and women) retreating before the

A Measure of Pimm's  
A slice of lemon  
add ice  
and fill up with  
Lemonade  
7-UP.

Mao Tse-tung  
At 63, swim Yangtze

monument to martyrs died fighting for China which was inaugurated this year in Peking is inscribed with a statement by Mao reproduced in the Chinese President's handwriting.

In the spring of 1958, Mao launched the famous slogan "Let one hundred flowers blossom" which seemed to herald a new era of liberalism in Chinese thought and art.

However, afterwards Mao considerably reduced the scope of this slogan. At the same time he made many trips throughout the country.

His writings published in a three-volume "Collected Works" are obligatory reading in China and the Soviet authorities have advised Soviet Communists to read them.—France Presse.

**TARGET**

How many words of four letters or more can you find in the letters in the word below? Use the left if in making each word.

1. Undergoing pain. (4)  
2. Game for riding. (4)  
3. Jewellery. (4) 4. Decay. (5)  
5. Philately. (5) 6. Lake. (5)  
7. First garden. (6)  
8. Plaster. (5)  
9. Small square. (4)  
10. Covering. (4)  
11. You. (4)  
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19. Tunnel. (6)  
20. Put money in. (6)  
21. Sacre-ment. (6)  
22. Counter. (6)  
23. Regal. (6)  
24. Conclusion. (6)  
25. Finish. (6)  
26. Yesterday. (6)

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# PEOPLE in the news

## 14-Year-Old May Be New Bardot



A 14-year-old English girl, Gillian Hills, may become the new Brigitte Bardot.

She has been picked by Roger Vadim, the man who made Bardot into the legend. She is to star in his next film "Les Liaisons Dangerous."

It all started when Gillian had bronchitis and her mother decided to take her and live in the south of France.

At the age of eight she decided that she wanted to become an actress, and when she recently heard that Vadim was looking for a new discovery to replace Bardot she wrote and secured an interview. — Central Press Photo.

• BY • THE • WAY •  
by Beachcomber

I READ that someone has discovered a method by which oilirliners may be landed "on" tiny landing grounds in the centre of London, even in dense fog."

Such a prospect goes to one's head like wine. How soon may we expect work to begin on the first tiny landing ground in Piccadilly Circus?

**Rigoletto** at Whipsnade

WOULD the police be justified in arresting a man with a monstrous-man-of-six-feet-four-inches of obstruction?" I have to walk in single file," said the owner of this astonishing undergrowth. I am reminded of the bearded man in one of Mr P. G. Wodehouse's books. When he spoke, "Down in the forest something stirred." "Shall I trim your pathless jungle, sir?" queried the barber.

**Will there be an inquiry?**

The Governors of Newark School have been alarmed by a report from one of their plain-clothes men at the school that the expenses accounts of the masters are added to the bills sent to parents instead of being met by the head master out of a fund raised from the parents. Moreover many masters,

as I revealed, include in their expenses not only the upkeep of their cars but their losses at cards. Dr Smart-Alick said last night, "This obsession of the Governors with money is an ugly manifestation of the wave of materialism which is sweeping over this country."

**Keeping a bushy upper lip**

SO many animals appear in Covent Garden operas nowadays that a production of "Rigoletto" at Whipsnade is being considered. The animals would be encouraged to mingle freely with the performers. "When it comes to catching fish in the mouth," said a soprano, "seals can always beat even the greediest singer."

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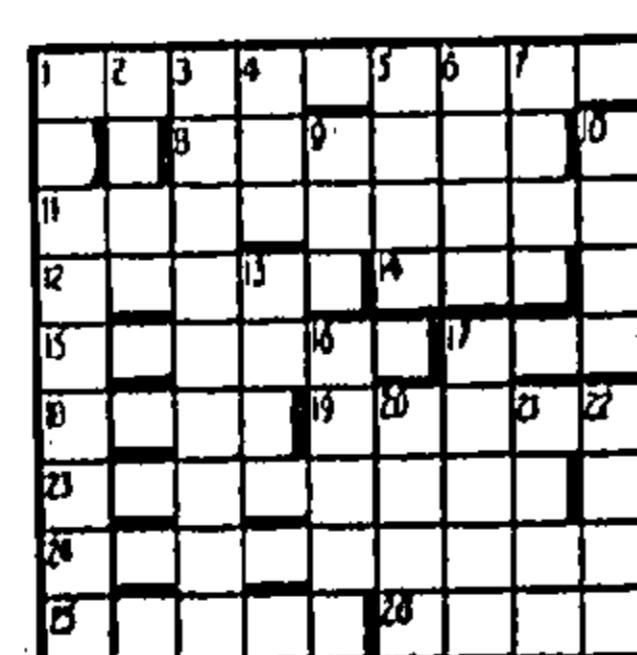
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When we know the happiness of lost loved ones, only selfishness could make us continue to mourn.

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### CROSSWORD



Across

1. Athlete. (9)

2. One full of false praise. (9)

3. Foolishness. (9)

4. Make wealthy. (9)

5. Clothes hanger. (9)

6. Glutton. (9)

7. Reduce. (9)

8. Allowed to deteriorate. (9)

9. Constant motion and so on. (9)

10. Loving nature. (9)

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## NEW HK DEVELOPMENT AREA

### Governor's Three-Hour Visit To Kun Tong

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black spent three hours this morning on an inspection of public works projects at Kun Tong, the Colony's principal postwar development area on the eastern shores of Kowloon Bay.

#### NEW POST



The Governor was accompanied by the Director of Public Works, the Hon. A. Ingalls and the Assistant Director of Public Works, Engineering, Mr W. A. Johnson.

Eight contracting firms are at present engaged in the various phases of the engineering works at Kun Tong. Sir Robert first inspected the 1,000-foot long sea-wall which has been built to enclose a reclamation of about 90 acres to provide factory sites for industry.

Spill from the foothills immediately to the north of the reclamation is being dumped to form the second stage of this extensive reclamation project. The entire reclamation, on completion, will provide some 240 acres of new land from the sea.

The Governor today travelled by land rover over some rough terrain. He saw the progress of work on the building of new factories and other buildings on the reclaimed area. Bulldozers and excavators were at work in the foothills, which are being levelled to form new housing zones.

Accompanied by Mr Andrew Mar, Chief Engineer, Ports Works Office, Sir Robert drove past Ngau Chai Ridge to obtain a general view of the development area. (See photo at right).

The Governor saw formation work at the new Kun Tong resettlement estate which will have over 20 blocks of seven-storey buildings and provide accommodation for more than 50,000 people.

The first stage of this resettlement scheme calls for the building of four H-blocks with accommodation for about 11,000 people while the second stage consists of the filling in of the valley by cutting away part of the hill to form a site for nine other blocks with accommoda-

#### Robbery On Staircase

A Chinese held up and robbed a woman of \$1,400 in cash on the staircase of No. 141, Sai Yee Street shortly after midday yesterday.

## CHINA LIKE A BIG ZOO

### Indian Professor's View After Six-Week Visit

"China is like a big zoo: you have three meals a day, you work tremendously hard, but you have no freedom at all," said Dr S. Chandrasekhar, Director of the Indian Institute of Population Studies, and Professor of Economics at University College, Madras, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday after a six-week visit to China.

He was speaking at a press conference held in the Astor Hotel this morning.

He said the Chinese have destroyed the intellectuals and more or less abolished the ordinary comprehensive universities.

"The Communists say, 'What is the use of studying Shakespeare when you want to build dams and factories,'" he said.

The qualifications necessary to become a student in a Chinese university, Dr Chandrasekhar said, are:

★ Political ideology. "In China no questions are asked and no tests are carried out. A student can get into a university if he is enthusiastic about Socialism."

★ He must be in excellent health;

★ He must be intellectually apt.

During his six-week visit, Dr Chandrasekhar visited a Chinese commune in Cheng Chai. "There," he said, "a group of 68 villages have become communes at the request of the villagers. Now they have 135 schools, 130 tea gardens, 130 public canteens, 24 Happy Homes for the Aged, two middle schools with 22 classes of 14-15 students and 36 'Red and expert' (technical) colleges."

**Sputnik Commune**

"They also have two large hospitals, 14 out-patient departments, and 18 shops."

"The population of this 'Sputnik commune' is 67,551," he said.

"The great benefit of these communes is expressed by the 10 guarantees, which include: free clothing, free food, free housing, free transport to and

from work, maternity benefits, old age benefits, sick leave, funeral and burial, education, bath, tailoring, electricity, marriage grant, recreational facilities, and bringing up children," he said.

#### CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Three accused—two farmers and a watchman—will be arraigned before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions tomorrow on charges of murder and wounding.

The accused are Hui Ching, 39, and Hui Shu-chung, 25, both farmers, charged with the murder of Hui Tin-ping in Shatin on September 5; and Cheung Sang, 33, watchman, charged with wounding another man, Ng Shong, on September 20, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

#### Police Raid

(Continued from Page 1) the stable of the next door house.

Defendant was then taken back to his quarters where police found the radio apparatus. The Inspector added just when he felt the radio set, "It was still hot".

Leung said he was operating when the police arrived.

Inspector Crosby said the police had been working during the last seven months to track down this organisation.

He added that about 40 firms were using this radio for commercial purposes between Bangkok and Hongkong.

## H.E. TO TAKE PART IN CAROL SERVICE

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black will read a lesson at the Carol service of Nine Lessons, at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening. This is revealed in the Christmas programme of St. John's Cathedral.

Next Saturday, from 2-5 p.m. the Cathedral gives its annual poor children's party. They will be entertained by members of the Cathedral 9 o'clock Choir.

On Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 p.m. there will be a Crib Service when children are invited to put presents in front of the Crib

which will then be distributed to poor and needy children in the Colony.

On Christmas Eve there will be a service of Holy Communion beginning at 11:30 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, 9 and 12:10. A family service for parents and children at 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 28 at 3:30 p.m. the children of St James' Settlement give a shadow Mimo Nativity play in the Cathedral Hall.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Card Query

Sir—Your column on "Christmas Card Etiquette" inaccurately clarifies a number of puzzles faced by many well-wishers year after year.

A good service, indeed, and a timely one.

To some, still, a slight knot has yet to be unravelled. Some cards are sent just with the senders' signatures at the bottom and nothing at the top, but some are written with the addresser's name and titles at the top. Does the present trend require the sender's signature only or would the appearance of the addressee's name at the top be more informative?

Unless the "How should you address your Card" paragraph does refer to the Christmas Card itself and not the envelope, some additional advice will, I am sure, be appreciated by many.

GEO. LEE.

[We are no Amy Vanderbilt, but why not print your name and address on the envelope and sign as you like inside the card? —Ed.]

## From the Files 25 years ago

DIRECT radio communication will be inaugurated between China and England on January 1. Inauguration of the radio service will add to the ramifications of a service that is already almost world-wide. Chinese radio stations are at present in daily communication with almost every point of the globe, the only important country not having a direct service being Australia.

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France is in national mourning as a result of the appalling railway disaster at Lagney on Saturday. The death toll now exceeds 200—the last official figure being 217—while of the 300 injured 100 are in a serious condition in Lagney and Paris hospitals.

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A CABLE from Peking says that rumours are again current in Manchuria that Mr Henry Pu Yi will be declared emperor shortly at the head of the new regime.

It is said the intention is to restore the Ching dynasty, and the date selected for this event is January 1. The rumours can not be confirmed in any reliable quarter but they are enjoying wild currency at present.

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A soldier of the East Lancs burst into a flat at 8a Hankow Road late yesterday, alarming the amah who was the only person inside. She raised a cry for help to which a passer-by, Mr Elkins, immediately responded.

He entered the flat and tried to hold the man who, however, seized his finger and bent it back until it broke. A naval Petty Officer who had arrived on the same took charge of the soldier.

☆ ☆ ☆

WORKING quietly and systematically in the early hours of Sunday morning, a gang of thieves thought to be Chinese, battered holes through two brick walls and stole goods worth about \$16,000 from the Siberian Fur Store, 1,151 Bubbling Well Road, and the shop next door, a cable from Shanghai. The manager of the fur shop puts his losses at \$10,000.

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A leader in the SCM Post said: "Relations between Hongkong and Canton remain good, a matter for mutual congratulations. The political and social understandings, however, are not all. More important, from the materialistic report of view at least, economic compromise—agreement to live and let live. That this understanding is incomplete is evident from the fact that there is still too great a tendency to regard the two ports as competitive rather than complementary; and at the risk of seeming to depart from the rules of dispassionate analysis it must be said that the aggressiveness is mostly in Canton."

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PIRATES landed in Hongkong at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and carried off 100 children. But the pirates were not from Bias Bay nor were the children taken for ransom. It was the occasion of the annual children's party on board HMS Medway and the "pirates" were really naval officers who hit upon this novel idea for the entertainment of the kiddies.

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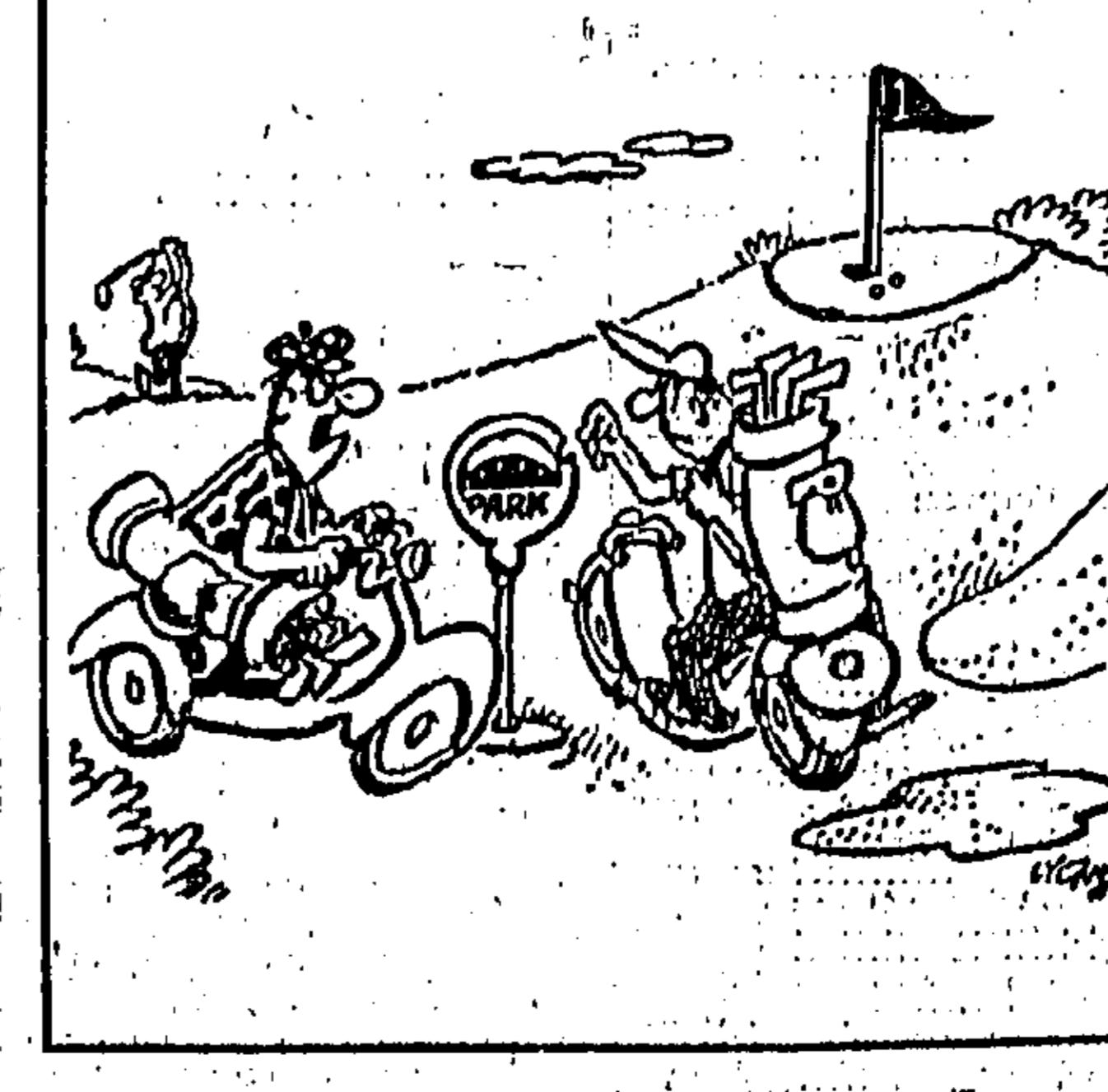
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